

SALUTATORY.

Having purchased the Douglas Independent from C. Ball, I now, in conformity with a custom from time immemorial, make my politest bow. And now having assumed the responsibilities that will necessarily accrue in this new relation, we ask the liberal indulgence of the public, as we attempt to discharge them. In conducting this paper, our main object shall be, to make it the vehicle of all current news especially devoting much space to the local department. We shall carefully look after the interest of Southern Oregon and Douglas County in particular. A few words will suffice to properly indicate the future political policy of this paper under our management. It will be conservatively democratic. We believe that the genius of our system of government was conceived in the brain and nourished in the heart of Jefferson. We believe that in the selection of officers, his admirable test should prevail, honesty, integrity and capability. We would not remove an honest and efficient republican, and replace him with an unworthy democrat, just for political reasons. In all cases where fitness is absent the same, we would support the democrat, in short, we shall earnestly labor for an honest administration of affairs, and will rebuke fraud and corruption, wherever, and whenever the same may come to our knowledge, irrespective of party.

The business management will be directly under our supervision, and having purchased all the old accounts of the Independent, we hope our many patrons that are in arrears, will help us just at this time with a little shining dust, that we may be able soon to give you as good a paper as is published in Southern Oregon. Our predecessor, Mr. Ball, has been courteous and fair in this business transaction so far as we are able to judge. And launches at once into a lucrative law practice. May his length never grow shorter, nor his shadow grow less.

J. R. N. BELL.

The following persons were appointed Road Supervisors by the County Court: District No. 1, John Cowan; No. 2, P. P. Palmer; No. 3, Edward Haynes; No. 4, Thomas Kruse; No. 5, Frank Colvin; No. 7, John Paul; No. 8, Samuel Carr; No. 9, Thomas Clark; No. 10, T. W. Cowan; No. 10 1/2, Isaac Jones; No. 11, Phil. Pinkston; No. 12, Hamilton Patterson; No. 13, Isadore Rice; No. 14, H. C. Underwood; No. 15, John Hogan; No. 16, Wm. Kruse; No. 17, James Richards; No. 18, T. W. Gorrell; No. 19, Jas. L. Churchill; No. 20, Wm. J. Hanan; No. 21, Howard Martin; No. 22, James Short; No. 23, John Livingston; No. 24, R. Cannon; No. 25, Obe Barker; No. 26, Thomas Grisdale; No. 27, Newton Livingston; No. 28, J. J. McCoy; No. 29, M. L. Bushnell; No. 30, J. L. Thornton; No. 31, David Lenox; No. 33, J. H. Whitsett; No. 34, D. W. Hunter; No. 35, J. H. Baane; No. 36, Wm. Perdue; No. 37, John Stephens; No. 38, W. B. Drake; No. 39, James D. Burnett; No. 40, E. L. Rice; No. 41, Thomas Devins; No. 42, Wm. P. Day; No. 43, Heary Harmon; No. 44, H. L. Wilson; No. 45, Peter Weaver; No. 46, Oren Gilpatrick; No. 47, H. Redfield; No. 48, R. H. Ward.

F. M. Johnson is and has always been a progressive man, fully abreast of the times in all that concerns the general welfare. It is to him our people are indebted for the introduction of that benevolent institution known as the Self Endowment Association. When this was first introduced people called it a humbug, but let us judge it by its fruits. The following have already received the loan promised them. Sol King \$100. Paid out \$49. Norm Lilly \$100, paid \$58. T. J. Blair \$100, paid \$58. J. Mason \$100, paid \$61. C. Albright \$100, paid \$61. Jennie Pond \$100, paid \$61. That the association so far has done all it promised none can deny; then if it has kept its promise in the past why not believe it will do the same in the future?

We clip the above from the Benton Leader of January 9th, which goes to show that the Mutual Self Endowment Association is equal to its pretensions and pays all its obligations.

Ladies Medical Adviser.

A Complete Medical Work for Women, handsomely bound in cloth and illustrated. Tells how to prevent and cure all diseases of the sex, by a treatment at home. Worth its weight in gold to every lady suffering from any of these diseases. Over 10,000 sold already. Postpaid only 50cts. Postal note or 2cc. stamps. Address NUNDA PUBLISHING CO Nunda, N. Y. Nov. 1st 3-m

The Railroad Commission.

Senator Miller of Josephine county has introduced a bill "to create and establish a Board of Railroad Commissioners and to define and regulate its powers and duties and to fix the compensation thereof." Such a bill will necessarily attract much attention from the whole people of the State who have suffered so much from the extortions of the railroad companies now in existence. This bill provides for the election of three commissioners, two republicans and one democrat to be elected by the present legislature, which is to fix their salaries. They are to elect their clerk. The powers of the Board are to enquire into all the business of the companies and it has a right to examine their books for this purpose. Their duties are prescribed in the 9th section, which provides that after personal examination it shall appear that repairs are necessary, or additions to the rolling stock or station houses, or that any "change in the rates or fare for transportation of freight or passengers is reasonable or necessary for the use of the public," etc., it shall be the duty of the Board to notify the company, which shall be given a hearing, but if they fail to convince the Board, it may fine them for neglect to repair and may forbid the railroad company to charge any larger rates or fares than those fixed by the Commission.

Having carefully examined the bill we are compelled to withhold our assent. While the State has general supervision of the railroads we have never heard the claim that it was authorized to interfere with the manner of their construction or repairs. If loss of life or property occurs by reason of neglect in either of these particulars, the law already provides a due remedy for the sufferers. If a commission were to decide upon these questions and there was no refusal on the part of a company to comply with its orders, we would respectfully enquire whether the State or the company was responsible for an accident caused by a defective bridge or culvert. The highest judicial authority in the United States has decided that the States have the authority to fix the rates of freight and fares on the railroads within their boundaries, but this gives them no authority to delegate this power to a commission and if it did, we deem it contrary to public policy to do so. Not upon the ground indicated by a railroad magnate in California who said it was cheaper to buy the commissioners than the legislature, for such a thing could never happen in Oregon, especially as two of them would be republicans, but because it imposes upon three men too great a responsibility. The people of Oregon have demanded their representatives without distinction of party, in unmistakable terms that an act should be passed regulating freight and fares on the railroads and preventing discrimination in regard to the same. When such an act is passed and it is found to work injustice to the railroads or the people it will be time enough to provide for a railroad commission to remedy its defects. The legislature cannot shift its responsibility by any such sham as the Miller bill.

GRAND CELEBRATION.

The Committee on Celebration of the Inauguration of President Cleveland met at the office of Lane & Lane last Monday evening. Every member was present. W. G. Woodward was chosen Chairman and L. F. Lane Secretary. The meeting was enthusiastic every member evincing a lively and sincere interest. It was resolved to raise a fine flag staff, have good music, good speaking and a good time generally. Everything will be arranged to make this a memorable gala day for Roseburg and its surroundings. The Committee will do all they can to secure excursion rates from the railroad company for visitors. Why should not every Democrat in or around town do his best to make this occasion a brilliant success. Since the organization of our government, the Democracy have won, including Gov. Tilden, ten out of seventeen regular pitched contests and this tenth one was most vitally important of all. On the morning of the 4th at the hour of half past nine here the hour of twelve at Washington will have been reached and the solemn grand oath of office will have been pronounced and sealed by the lips of President Cleveland. At that moment amidst the general rejoicing our people here will not be behind. We predict a most thoroughly happy day. As for the night we leave that to the Yankee Doodle. Their Ball will be the affair of all within the memory of man in Southern Oregon.

E. J. Harris, the popular salesman for Fleckenstein & Mayer, while coming down on the sleeper Friday from the South was unfortunately enough to have a fifty dollar greenback abstracted from his pocket.

GLIMPSES.

Of Men and Things, as Seen Through Our Own Colored Glasses.

The death of SCHUYLER COLEAX brings into view that portion of American history in which he took an active part. Poor COLFAX! He was just at the height of his popularity and the tidal wave would have borne him higher and higher when the Credit Mobilier exposure came. To no one not even OAKES AMES did that exposure bring so much public contumely as to COLFAX. The former stood like a giant at bay, admitted everything and claimed it to be honorable. COLFAX equivocated, denied and was found guilty. He accepted his fate with a good grace and as quietly as possible slipped out of public life and his bright hopes were gone forever. What a fall was there, my countrymen! ERASTUS C. BAROOKS, the Democrat mixed up in the affair, took it harder even than COLFAX, and went home and died of a broken heart. But the heart-ache that COLFAX must have suffered all these long years can but be imagined. GARFIELD was more fortunate than any connected with the affair and the case against him was not made so clear; but even he lost that magnificent majority of 19,000 and was returned to Congress with a death struggle by a paltry 4,000. This saved him, and as Americans worship success his sin was forgiven him. BLAINE, of all the men accused by AMES alone came through the ordeal without a stain upon his escutcheon; would that he could have done so well in all cases. It may be safely doubted if any of the men interested knew what they were doing. It was a money making affair and had its legitimate side. That AMES never fully informed the investors cannot but be believed. It was a kind of "blind pool," and it is safe to say that COLFAX, GARFIELD and others were more negligent than guilty. Yet for COLFAX it was the death knell to a long and honored public life; but around his earthly grave that has just been dug, there is nothing but sorrow and tears for one whose ambition and fame have long been buried in the grave of a political suicide.

What a great man is THOMAS A. HENDRICKS! How the Hoeseiers do love him! Honest, able and brilliant he is the beau ideal of an American statesman. We love to think of a man backed by the great strength of a great state and to know that he is worthy of that support. And then when that state is a doubtful one what magic does the man's name carry with it. When HENDRICKS' name was added to that of CLEVELAND, instinctively a feeling of safety came to every Democrat and it flew from heart to heart: "Indiana is safe!" What would have been CLEVELAND's fate if the convention had tacked on a man like ENGLISH to him! I shudder to think of it. Would not HANCOCK and HENRICKS have swept the country in 1880! All honor to the great Indian, and may his name ever be enshrined in the heart of his countrymen.

Success.

The sale of Syrup of Figs is simply immense. Everyone is taking it, and all admit that it is the best medicine ever used. Children cry for it on account of its pleasant taste, and grown up people who have used it once never take any thing else. Unlike other remedies for biliousness and constipation, it never loses its power to act, and it always leaves the organs on which it acts stronger than before. Besides, one feels fresh and bright and realizes that it is Nature's own true laxative. Dr. S. Hamilton is agent for Roseburg.

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The January number of the West Shore contains descriptive sketches of Union and Umatilla counties, with excellent views of Pendleton and Union cities. The blockade on the O. R. & N. is also illustrated and the reading matter is of the usual merit.

Col. Shoemaker, Inspector of government timber lands, was in this section a few days lately.

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Eldorado Mineral Water.

CHEMICAL LABORATORY, ANALYTICAL OFFICE, BULLION ROOMS AND ORE ROOMS, 524 Sacramento street, San Francisco, Nov. 25, 1884.

Measrs. H. J. Secor, Merrill and Sifton, Gentlemen, I have submitted to qualitative analysis the sample of Eldorado Water handed me for examination and find it to consist of the following substance: Arsenic, iron, calcium, carbonic acid, iron, alumina, lime, magnesia, soda and organic matter.

THOMAS JOSEPH.

Julian Joseph, of the well known firm of Hoffman and Joseph, of Albany, bears the following testimony:

ALBANY, OGN., December 20, 1884.
Geo. W. Jones, dear sir: I would here state to you that a year ago I suffered untold agonies on account of piles (hemorrhoids) and went to Portland to get relief from doctors there. I met Mr. Apple of Roseburg, who advised me before seeing the doctors to try your Eldorado Mineral Water. I did so and had one dozen bottles sent to me by A. E. Champagne. I used one-half dozen bottles, taking right before every meal, one small glass full. I not only was relieved, but I am certainly cured by what I used, and thank you for, because I suffered more than I can express. I would advise any one suffering from this disease to try your Mineral Water, should you have any occasion to use this statement do so, you are at liberty on my account. I think this is the best I can do for you, as I was cured by it. I am, respectfully yours,
THOMAS JOSEPH.

ROSEBURG, Dec. 3, 1884.
I was induced to try Eldorado Water and was not at all disappointed but highly gratified with the result. I have for many years been a sufferer from dyspepsia and have tried every kind of medicine known to pharmacy and without result. The contrary was my experience from the use of your mineral water. Taken according to directions it produced immediate relief and in a short time, if continued, would secure permanent cure. To any who will avoid irritating stimulants, I am satisfied it will prove of valuable comfort and benefit. As a general regulator I found it most excellent.

MR. GEO. W. JONES, Dear Sir: I have been troubled with neuralgia pains in my head and chest bones, for several years, and had given up all hopes of ever getting cured. I went to your mineral springs with my son James and got some of the water, and drank it freely and found that it was a mild physic. I used it three times a day for a little more than two months, and the pain left me and I have not felt them since, and that has been 17 months ago.
H. COON, SR.
Roseburg, Jan. 25, 1884

DALLAS, Dec. 2 1884.
From Mr. M. W. Parsons, last August, I received one bottle of the Jones Eldorado water, from Dr. Hamilton of Roseburg. Used half a bottle for a year and can fully recommend it for that dreaded disease, as I have not been troubled with the complaint since. I am, respectfully,
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